

**Minutes of an electronic meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council held via ZOOM on
Wednesday 24 June 2020 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT:

**Councillor Steve Aynsley
Councillor John Batey
Councillor Paul Hedley
Councillor Keith Scantlebury
Councillor Allan Stewart
Councillor Mike Trimming
Councillor Alex Wallace**

In attendance: Ron Thornton – Clerk, Jenny Tindale – Deputy Clerk.

		ACTION
CO55/20	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ASBSENCE Apologies were noted from Councillor Allan Douglas (illness), Councillor Helen Bradford (work commitments) and Councillor Lynda Mason (holiday). RESOLVED: (i) That the Parish Councillors apologies be accepted.</p>	
CO56/20	<p>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION Councillor Batey, Councillor Scantlebury, Ron Thornton (Clerk) and Jenny Tindale (Deputy Clerk) declared personal interests as trustees of East Bedlington Community Centre.</p>	
CO57/20	<p>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED: (i) That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.</p>	
CO58/20	<p>CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EAST BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE The Chair referred to the RFO's report which outlined,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Strategic importance of East Bedlington Community Centre (EBCC) to the Parish Council. • the Financial position of EBCC and its forecast operating results up to 31 March 2024. • The affordability of increased grant funding by the Council. <p>He advised that the Finance & General Purposes Working Group had concluded that an increase in grant funding of £10-£15,000 was</p>	

	<p>affordable and that it had adopted the following motion put forward by Councillor Alex Wallace and seconded by Councillor Mike Trimming;</p> <p>“that the Parish Council’s annual grant to East Bedlington Community Centre be increased by £15,000 per annum for 3 years commencing on 1st April 2021”</p> <p>The Chair further advised that the F&GP Working Group had recommended that a condition of the grant should be a requirement to submit quarterly reports and evaluations demonstrating the impact on service delivery from the Centre. He then gave members the opportunity to comment before putting the motion to the vote.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>(i) That the motion be carried unanimously.</p> <p>(ii) That the additional recommendation of F&GP Working Group be agreed.</p>	Clerk
CO59/20	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of East Bedlington Parish Council will be a virtual meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th July 2020 6pm.</p>	

Signed:

Date: